GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has expressed his unhappiness over the eradication of child labour in the recently held Conference in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in the said Conference;

(c) whether there is an urgent need to extend more help to NGO to eradicate child labour;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there was a view in the confernece to make more stringent laws to eradicate child labour; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and action taken or being taken on the resolutions adopted at the conference of State Labour Ministers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (f) : The National Conference on Child Labour was held at New Delhi on 22nd January, 2001 was addressedby the Hon`ble Prime Minister. Representatives of concerned State Governments, District Collectors, Project staff in-charge of implementing the National Child Labour Projects, Trade unions, Employers, Research Institutions, NGOs, and other concerned parties met and deliberated on the subject of elimination of child labour. The Conference inter-alia resolved that, concerted action should be taken in a time bound manner for elimination of child labour from hazardous occupations/processes. For achieving this, all Government agencies, research institutions, Panchayat Raj Institutions, employers, trade unions, members of press, bar associations, NGOsetc. should work together and establish synergies so that with their collective resources, the problem of child labour is addressed in a holistic way. Enforcement machinery for implementation of legal provisions should be trained, sensitized and strengthened where necessary and that there should be strict enforcement of child labour related Acts.